

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

- 5 A helicopter fire fighting system including a fluid holding vessel suspended from underside of the helicopter; and submersible high volume, low head axial flow pump mounted adjacent bottom of the holding vessel for drawing fluid from a fluid source and delivering the fluid into the holding vessel, the axial flow pump extends along a central axis between an open upper end and an opposite open lower end serving as an inlet for the axial flow pump.

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